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Redevelopment Board Minutes 01/26/2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of January 26, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Barry Faulkner
Nora Mann
Roly Chaput
Lynne Lowenstein

Also Attending: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Laura Wiener, Planner
Joey Glushko, Planner

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:30. He announced to those in attendance that the meeting was the opportunity for all to tell the Board what they thought of the development proposals for the Symmes Hospital site. He said people might also ask questions of the Board or of representatives of the development teams. More than twenty people spoke. Among the comments were:

- the question to each applicant about his/her neighborhood protection plan,
- the desire to protect the Summer St. woods,
- the desire to retain the Lahey doctors,
- many concerns about the traffic,
- the likelihood that residents more than occasional visitors at the site would be more likely to use Woodside Lane for a shortcut,
- the dislike of a memorial grove near Summer St.
- the possibility of traffic control measures – stop signs, speed bumps,
- the question about the impact on schools,
- the appreciation of Baran / Keen's amount of affordable housing,
- the desire for gaining the most revenue perceived to be offered by the Fish proposal,
- the desire to retain the medical use,
- the idea that the Town was acting in haste, should retain the medical buildings and develop the rest of the site,
- the concern about the duration of the construction traffic,
- statement that the Arlington Housing Corp. favors the Baran / Keen proposal,
- the appreciation of open space and concern about how it will be preserved.

Ed Tsoi expressed appreciation for all who participated in the meeting and it adjourned at 10:15

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien